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Vandals swipe church sign

► It will cost about \$500 to replace the sign ► There are fewer than 20 people in the church's congregation
► The abandoned Anglican church on Hammonds Plains Road was donated to an Ethiopian group



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A tiny church for Ethiopian immigrants in Hammonds Plains has been hit again by vandals, the latest incident involving their sign being cut down with a chainsaw.

There have been two or three minor occurrences of vandalism since St. Gebriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church opened more than a year ago, but the latest one has gone too far, said Deacon Les Zewdie.

At around 10:30 p.m. Monday night, police say several people got out of a van and revved up a chainsaw. They cut down the church's sign, threw it in the back of the van and took off.

"This is the limit and there is a red line ... We've been very patient for these things for a long period of time, but at this time we are not hesitating to make sure legal actions are taking place," Zewdie said yesterday.

He said he has his suspicions of who did it, but wouldn't say because an investigation is underway.

"Whoever did it, I want to make sure they understand it was a criminal act under Canadian law. Don't do it again, and also (I want) whoever did it to come forward to us and tell us why."

DEACON LES ZEWDIE

Father Hailemariam Gebresilasse, head of the church, said through a translator he was very unhappy.

"If any person who knows our church did it, that will make me more sad, but I don't think it is," he said.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said it appears planning was involved.

"There have been minor complaints of vandalism in the past ... but definitely this is a unique occurrence where people are jumping out of a van with a chainsaw to chop down a church sign," he said.

"There's obviously more to the story."



► Father Hailemariam Gebresilasse poses for a photo outside the St. Gebriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Hammonds Plains yesterday. Vandals used a chainsaw to cut down the church's sign late Monday night.

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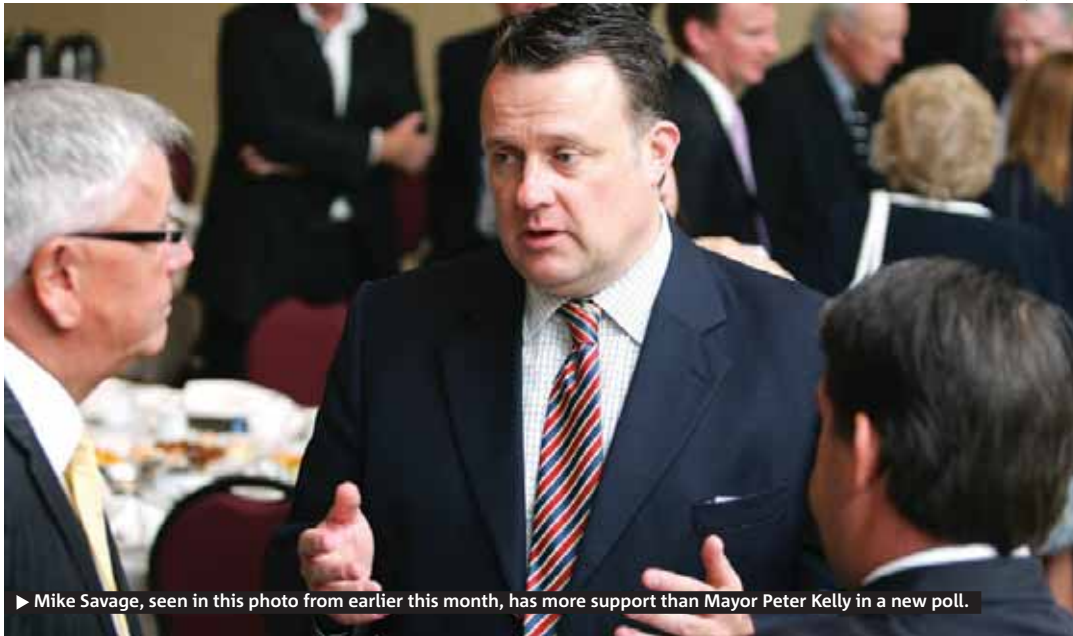
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Savage outpaces Kelly in voter intention

- ▶ Pollster connects Kelly's decline in support to concert cash scandal
- ▶ Popular former Liberal MP hasn't decided on whether he'll run for mayor



▶ Mike Savage, seen in this photo from earlier this month, has more support than Mayor Peter Kelly in a new poll.



Mike Savage hasn't even entered the race, and he already finds himself ahead.

Savage's popularity with decided voters increased three per cent from February to August to 49 per cent. Forty per cent of respondents came out for Kelly, down from 47 per cent over that same time period.

"We've run plenty of

names in the past ... and nobody has come close to being as competitive as Mr. Savage," said pollster Don Mills, the CEO of Halifax-based CRA.

But there's still a large chunk of voters who support neither man (11 per cent) or are still undecided (21 per cent).

That's some solace for Kelly, who pointed out there is still over a year before voters head to the polls.

"Certainly you don't take polls too lightly," Kel-



▶ Mayor Peter Kelly

ly said yesterday. "But you also try to keep in mind that there's an ebb and flow to public opinion."

Savage refused to comment on the poll from Ottawa yesterday, where he was attending an end-of-summer Liberal caucus meeting.

The popular former MP lost his federal seat in May to NDP candidate Robert Chisholm by a narrow margin. Savage recently took a position with the marketing firm m5.

The CRA poll surveyed 401 voting aged HRM residents. It is accurate within 4.9 percentage points.

Power rate increase talks are back on

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Nova Scotia Power Inc. will resume discussions with customer and industry advocates this morning.

The energy utility is pitching a plan to spread a proposed increase in power rates over the next three years. But the fine details of NSPI's plan will not be publicly disclosed.

"Because the customer reps will want some time to look at the proposal, the details probably won't be discussed in public," said David Rodenhiser, a spokesman for NSPI. "But certainly people will be able to talk about the issues involved."

Another issue that will be discussed at the meeting is the imminent closure of the NewPage mill in Port Hawkesbury. NewPage is one of NSPI's largest customers, consuming approximately 13 per cent of the province's power and contributing over \$100 million to NSPI's coffers.

Rodenhiser said an updated load and fuel forecast — one that takes into account the mill's closure — will be discussed at the meeting.

Proposal

Nova Scotia Power Inc. has filed rate increases with the Utility and Review Board amounting to nine per cent for residential users and 16 per cent for large customers.

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After a "difficult week," NDP deputy leader **Thomas Mulcair** considers a bid to succeed Jack Layton. Video at metronews.ca



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► Bestselling authors Joy Fielding and Anthony Hyde headlining book festival ► Everything from African art to salad dressing on sale at bazaar



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At first glance, these three festivals appear to have nothing in common but their location.

But the Francofestival, Word on the Street and International African Bazaar are blurring boundaries. All three will be on the Halifax waterfront in September, in a partnership engineered to attract more people to all three events.

"Some people thought it would be a diluted audience or some kind of challenge with competition, but that wasn't our approach," said Colleen Ritchie, with Word on the Street, at a media launch yesterday.

"We decided to find a way to build layers for each festival without each individual festival having to take on areas of expertise that weren't theirs."

For example, the Francofestival has a literary café and an African music night on their program.

The Word on the Street was at Victoria Park last year and at the Cunard Centre previously.

Ritchie said she was courted by the Waterfront Development Corporation to move again so they could bring the three events within close walking distance on the same weekend.

"It helps me find a way to reach a new audience and build a literary and literacy festival which is



► Simon Mandari from the Maritime Drumming Centre of Nova Scotia, right, and Mario Bradet from the BBQ Kings band perform at a festival launch at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic yesterday.

Event info

► International African Bazaar as part of the African Diaspora Trail Conference

When: Sept. 22-25
Where: Sackville Landing
What: Local, national and international vendors offering African cultural products and services.
Cost: Free
Web: adht2011.com

diverse," Ritchie said.

The African Bazaar, which features local and international vendors, is part of an international

► Francofestival

When: Sept. 23-25
Where: Queen's Landing
What: Music, arts, literary café, as well as Acadian and Lebanese food.
Cost: Free except for concerts
Web: ccgh.ca

conference on heritage tourism and socially conscious travel.

"It doesn't matter what your interests are, we

► The Word on the Street

When: Sept. 25 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Alderney Landing
What: A celebration of reading and literacy. This year's theme: The book that got me hooked.
Cost: Free
Web: thewordonthestreet.ca/wordshalifax

think there will be something here on that weekend for you," said Wayne Hamilton, with the Office of Nova Scotian Affairs.

Gallery to display art shortlisted for award

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia is planning a show featuring Canadian contemporary artists shortlisted for the 2011 Sobey Art Award.

The exhibit will include the works of Charles Stankievec, Sarah Anne Johnson, Daniel Young,

Christian Giroux, Manon De Pauw and Zeke Moores.

The 2011 exhibition featuring a selection of the artists' work opens on Sept. 17. It will include video installations, photography and sculptures.

The Sobey Art Award,

established in 2002, celebrates advances in contemporary art with the intention of inspiring public interest and recognizing the country's best young artists.

The Sobey Art Award is managed and administered by the Art Gallery of

\$50K The amount the winner, selected by an independent curatorial panel, collects.

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Police urge witnesses to come forward

Police say some people continue to know more than they're willing to tell in the murder of Jason MacCullough.

Sunday marked the 12th anniversary of the killing that saw the 19-year-old victim shot in the back of the head from point-blank range while walking home on Pinecrest Drive in Dartmouth.

MacCullough was using a well-known shortcut when he was shot at 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 28, 1999. Police believe the killing was a random incident, as they don't think the victim was involved in any type of



► Jason MacCullough

criminal activity.

Police issued a release yesterday saying investigators still believe there were several people in the area when the killing took place, and that they strongly "believe there were witnesses to the crime."

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DOMESTIC DISPUTE

Possible charges in baseball bat assault

Halifax Regional Police say they are consulting with the Crown on possible charges relating to a serious assault in Dartmouth on Monday afternoon.

Witnesses heard screaming outside at an apartment building at 384 1/2 Portland St. at 12:48 p.m. A fight broke out among several people and a 43-year-old

man was beaten with a baseball bat.

Police allege the altercation stemmed from a domestic dispute, with a teenager eventually intervening and using the bat brought by the victim. The teenager was taken into custody on Monday but has since been released.

"We really can't speculate on charges. It wasn't self defence but he certainly was coming to the aid of another person," said police spokeswoman Theresa Rath.

The bat wasn't used against the woman in the alleged domestic dispute, Rath added.

● PHILIP CROUCHER

Cops search for assault suspects

Police were on the hunt yesterday for two suspects wanted for questioning in connection with an assault with a knife and baseball bat at a Sydney residence.

Investigators say it appears that two suspects — a male and a female — entered the residence yesterday morning, assaulted an adult male inside the home with a knife and baseball bat and then fled.

CAPE BRETON POST

Tools worth \$8K stolen from van

Police say about \$8,000 in tools was stolen from a van in Cole Harbour on Monday night.

Halifax RCMP say those involved caused extensive damage to the passenger door of the van located at a residence on Caldwell Road. The gearshift and steering column were also damaged. Police are now reminding the public the importance of not leaving valuables inside their vehicles. ● METRO

Dynamic duo to shake up sand

► World junior beach volleyball championships start today with free admission ► 24-team draws for Friday



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Garrett May and Danny Demyanenko are hoping to give Halifax beach volleyball fans something to cheer about this week.

The Toronto duo is the men's team to beat this week on the waterfront's Salter Lot, entering the FIVB world junior under-21 beach volleyball championships as the No. 1 seed.

May, 19, won last year's event with Sam Schachter in Alanya, Turkey, and joined forces with Demyanenko, 17, after Schachter graduated to the senior level.

"I know Canadians are going to make it an incredible tournament to play in and we're excited to be here," May said. "We're going to give it all we've got."

May and Demyanenko form one of six Canadian teams at the event, with three on the men's side and three on the

"We need to work hard, take it one point at a time and see how things shake out."

GARRETT MAY, VOLLEYBALL CHAMP

women's.

As a rookie at the event, Demyanenko hit the jackpot getting paired with May, who is competing at his third world junior championships.

"He's been really enthusiastic, very supportive. ... I'm definitely confident having him as my defender," Demyanenko said. "It's been a pretty easy transition and we've kind of meshed."

The gold medal won by May and Schachter was the first for Canada at the world junior championships, which is now entering its 11th year.

May is hoping for a repeat performance with the event in North America for the first time.

"Danny and I have been working very well together," May said. "He's

Teamwork

► There are 20 teams in the men's and women's draws, with four more being added to each side through today's qualification round.

► Quarter-finals and semifinals will be held on Saturday, while the women's and men's finals are on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

► Single-day tickets for Thursday through Sunday start at \$10 and can be purchased at sandjamhalifax.ca.

► The temporary six-court facility features 2,000 tonnes of sand, which arrived via 66 tri-axle trailers.

a great player, I'm very happy to be playing with him and we get along great. We need to work hard, take it one point at a time and see how things shake out."

Volley. Ball



► Lyubov Bogatu from Kazakhstan serves the ball during practice for the Swatch Junior World Championships yesterday on the Halifax waterfront.

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Full serve ahead along the beach

The Swatch Junior World Championships begin today at Halifax waterfront's Salter Lot. Many beach volleyball players were out practising yesterday in preparation for the start of today's action.

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Riot investigation given high-tech spin

► Vancouver police encourage public to log on to new website and help identify suspected rioters
 ► 40 photos posted on website, 100 more to be put up in the coming weeks, according to police



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 METRO CANADA IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver police are asking the public to help them bring hundreds of suspects from the June 15 Stanley Cup riot to justice through a new interactive website (riot2011.vpd.ca). Insp. Les Yeo of the riot investigation team said they have posted 40 photos of suspected rioters on the website in the hopes the public can identify them.

Yeo said police will be adding 100 more photos in the coming weeks so investigators won't be overwhelmed and will have enough time for a thor-

"You get one kick at the can, and that's why we need to take our time to ensure these suspects, these accused, don't evade justice."

JIM CHU, VANCOUVER POLICE CHIEF

ough investigation.

Chief Jim Chu also again defended the Vancouver Police Department over the lack of charges stemming from the incident. He said police are taking their time collecting evidence to make sure that people are held accountable to the full extent of

their involvement during the riots.

"We don't get two chances at this," Chu said. "We can't charge (suspects with) rioting and then say, 'Hey, your honour, we found some more information three months later. Can we charge (them) with rioting again?'"

Chu added 42 people have already turned themselves in, and police are investigating 1,100 names of people who may have been involved in the riots. Still, no charges have been laid.

An independent report into the riot is expected to be released tomorrow by former VANOC head John Furlong and former Nova Scotia deputy justice minister Doug Keefe.

Muslim. Holiday



► A young boy watches as men pray during the Muslim Association of Canada's Eid celebration at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre yesterday.

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TOSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ramadan ends with Eid festivities

Eid al-Fitr marks an end to the holy month of Ramadan. Thousands of Muslims attended the 26th annual event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, as well as other celebrations across Canada yesterday.

41 Regionally, there was marked disagreement only in Quebec, where 41 per cent approved of the idea and 46 per cent were against it.

Military name change gets the OK

Restoring the traditional names of the navy and air force has the support of a majority of Canadians, a new poll suggests.

A survey by The Canadi-

an Press-Harris/Decima found that 56 per cent of respondents agreed with the change and 31 per cent opposed it.

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News in brief

Child survives cougar attack

B.C. WILDLIFE An 18-

month-old child is recovering in hospital after a cougar attack inside Vancouver Island's Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

The attack occurred at about 6 p.m. Monday on the beach of a popular

day-use area at Kennedy Lake, some 16 kilometres east of the community of Ucluelet.

The toddler is now listed in serious condition at Vancouver's Children's Hospital.

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Mulcair mulls leadership run

MONTREAL. NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair is considering a bid to succeed Jack Layton, but says it will likely be another three weeks before he an-

nounces his decision.

The fluently bilingual Montreal MP, who has represented the party in the Commons since 2007, joins NDP president Brian Topp in expressing interest in becoming leader of the official Opposition.

Mulcair told a news conference in Montreal yesterday that he has received support from colleagues, but is unlikely to make any announcement before the House resumes Sept. 19.

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Did Gadhafi lie about daughter's death?

► It was common knowledge girl still lived: Diplomat

Since the rebel takeover of Tripoli, evidence has been mounting that Moammar Gadhafi may have lied about the death of his adopted baby daughter Hana in a 1986 U.S. airstrike.

The strike hit Gadhafi's home in retaliation for the Libyan-sponsored bombing of a Berlin nightclub earlier that year that killed two U.S. servicemen.

At the time, Gadhafi showed American journalists a picture of a dead baby and said it was his adopted daughter Hana — the first public mention that she even existed. Diplomats almost immediately questioned the claim. But Gadhafi kept the story alive through the years.

But when Libyan rebels took over last week, they



► Moammar Gadhafi holds, presumably, his daughter Hana in Tripoli in this undated 1996 photo.

found a room in Gadhafi's home with Hana's birth certificate and pictures of a young woman with the name "Hana" written on the back, possible indica-

tions that she lived beyond infancy.

Many Libyans believe Hana was never killed and talked about her existence openly. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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CHINESE MINE DISASTER

19 miners pulled to safety

Their faces black with coal dust, 19 Chinese miners trapped for a week underground were brought to the surface yesterday, as rescuers searched for three missing colleagues.

Twenty-six miners had been trapped near the surface when water

poured into a shaft on Aug. 23 from an adjacent, flooded mine. Three had been pulled out alive Saturday and one body was recovered.

The survivors stayed alive with water that dripped from the ceiling and nutrition packs sent through a 280-metre pipe drilled through the rock. The pipe also provided fresh air.

The mine was ordered shut in 2007, but reopened without permission earlier this month.

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Three men fingered for fraud

Three men from the Montreal area have been charged for allegedly forging credit cards. Charges include possession of credit card data and identity theft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CNN buys magazine for iPads

CNN has acquired Zite. The digital magazine for the iPad tablet learns about readers' tastes and selects packages from hundreds of websites.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Media empire probed

► News International shaken by allegations of illegal behaviour ► Fingers pointed at even more newspapers

Rupert Murdoch's scandal-hit News International confirmed yesterday that it was reviewing journalistic standards across the company, a U.K. media group that includes The Times of London newspaper.

More than a dozen former journalists and executives from the now-defunct News of the World have been arrested over claims they systematically intercepted mobile phone messages and illegally paid police for tips.

It's believed the review will examine News International publications, including the 226-year-old Times, its sister-publication the Sunday Times, and The Sun, Britain's biggest-selling daily.

The publishers of the



► A pedestrian passes signs at the entrance to News International headquarters in London.

Daily Mirror and the Daily Mail, which both compete with Murdoch's papers, have announced their own separate reviews.

Meanwhile, Britain's Electoral Commission says it won't investigate payments made to Andy Coulson, the former News of

The scoop

An independent inquiry led by Judge Brian Leveson is preparing to put Britain's press under the microscope. Here's what is known about the inquiry so far:

- A spokesman for the inquiry said he couldn't confirm a report in The Daily Telegraph that Rupert and James Murdoch will be called to testify, but noted that Leveson has wide powers to call witnesses.
- The spokesman also said Leveson is hoping to televise the inquiry's proceedings in the interests of transparency.

the World editor who was hired to work as Prime Minister David Cameron's top media aide in 2007.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Forget the old-fashioned web suffix “.com”—coming up with eccentric names to make websites catchier and easier to remember is the new trend on the Internet.

Icann, the global internet body that creates new web addresses, announced it will be taking applica-

tions next year for domain suffixes of almost any word and in any language.

From the current 22 domain endings available, websites ending with the adverb-sounding “.ly,” the broadcast-hinting “.tv” or the captivating “.me” are now the hippest choice.

“Businesses always need quirky names that are easy to spell and to remember. If you come up with a more brandable name for your website, then you should

go for it,” marketing expert Andrew Girdwood from global digital media company bigmouthmedia told Metro.

As Girdwood explains, the downside is that websites ending in .ly — the country code domain for Libya — are designated as formal property of Libya’s state-controlled telecommunications corporation, whose status is uncertain due to unrest in the region. Montenegro has ar-

“A great quirky domain can work really well. But I don’t envisage most established companies moving their primary web presence away from .com any time soon.”

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guably the coolest-sounding ccTLD (country code top-level domain) with .me. Indeed, it has been a real gold mine for a country born only in 2006. According to Hostersstats.com, more than 500,000 .me do-

main have been registered, so far.

Yet despite the rise in trendy domain names, old habits die hard, as major online search engines still favour the old-fashioned.

“Dot-tv sounds perfect

for a broadcasting company, but for search engine optimization, the dot-com is more popular,” Mick Say, an expert at England’s Online Marketing Academy, tells Metro.

“If a person is searching the Internet for a service or a global business, Google gives priority to the dot-com extension. It tells the search engine that ‘I want to be known internationally as an international business.’”

Brazil. Greenpeace protest



► A Greenpeace activist helps a person dressed as a whale covered in oil during a protest at the headquarters of oil company Perenco yesterday, in Rio de Janeiro.

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Sticky situation for oil firm

Greenpeace is demanding that Anglo-French oil company Perenco and other companies stop their exploration in Abrolhos, a large mating area for humpback whales off the coast of Brazil.

Market moment

Dollar	TSX	Oil	Natural gas
- 0.11¢ (102.23¢ US)	+ 129.87 (12,634.71)	+ 1.63¢ US (\$88.90 US)	\$3.82 (-.7¢)
			Gold \$1,829.80 (+ \$38.20)

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Economy may be stalling

Economists widely expect that the Canadian economy stalled in the second quarter and may have even contracted slightly amid the global economic slowdown.

“It is going to be a hair within positive or negative, but the balance is slightly

tilted to the negative,” CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said yesterday.

“Either way, it is essentially a flat profile for the economy.”

Statistics Canada is expected to report the country’s second-quarter gross

domestic product results this morning, and a reading that economic growth was slower or even reversed course a little would indicate the economy is still struggling to throw off the effects of the recession.

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Emails to be evidence in Facebook lawsuit

The New York man suing for part ownership of Facebook must give lawyers for the social networking company access to all his emails dating to 2003.

A federal judge yesterday denied Paul Ceglia’s request to delay Facebook’s access to his emails so he could voice his objections in court. Ceglia’s lawyer had made the request in a filing late Monday, hoping to protect Ceglia’s privacy.

Ceglia claims he made a deal with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in 2003 that entitles him to half ownership of the company. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Consumer confidence drops in U.S.

A private research group says that American consumers’ confidence in the economy in August dropped almost 15 points to its lowest level in two years.

The reading came as worries about the economy fuelled the wildest stock market swings since the financial meltdown in 2008.

The Conference Board says that its consumer confidence index dropped to the lowest level since April 2009.

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VANCOUVER'S NEW RANK REEKS

JUST SAYIN' ...

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Vancouver: The world's most liveable city — NOT!

There is no joy in latté land today with the news that the Economist Intelligence Unit has demoted

ed Vancouver, for years the most liveable city atop its list, to third, behind Melbourne and Vienna.

Even worse news? Toronto and Calgary are fourth and fifth, hot on our heels.

Oddly, the stupid Stanley Cup riot played no role in the demotion, though it may hit us where we rank. The reason for this year's demotion: A brief closure of the Malahat Highway due to a tanker spill in April led to a fractional reduction in infrastructure points, enough to allow Melbourne and Vienna to surge ahead.

Melbourne? Wasn't that the place that was hit with devastating floods earlier this year?

"What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half-hour trip from Vancouver."

What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half-hour trip from Vancouver. I would wager that many of the people who live in Metro Vancouver have no idea where the Malahat Highway is and have never been on it. It's relevant if you live in Victoria, which, like Vancouver, starts with a "V," but that's about it.

So you have to wonder about the Economist Intelligence Unit and its whole World's Most Liveable City project. The problem is there was no wondering

when Vancouver was on top of the list. We just sat back, relaxed and gloated.

Even when it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Even as it took a king's ransom to buy a rundown bungalow in Kerrisdale. Even as we rolled up the tinted windows on the SUV to avoid being tainted by the Downtown Eastside. So now it's not going to do us much good to cast aspersions on the intelligence of the Intelligence Unit.

Meanwhile, Toronto and Calgary are flexing their gloating muscles. They can hardly wait for next year's list, when the EIU takes the riot into account. I'm not sure I'll have the strength to carry on if Calgary turns out to be more liveable than Vancouver.

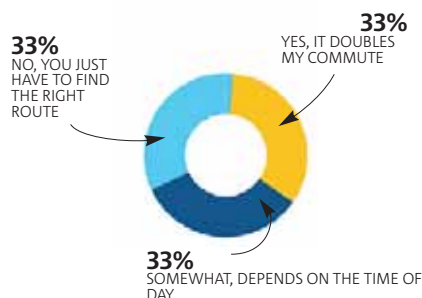
There's one thing I do know: I'd rather live in Toronto or even (gasp) Calgary than in one of the cities at the bottom of the list, though they say No. 140, last-place Harare, Zimbabwe, is nice this time of year.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsayin



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StatsCan says public transit takes longer than driving to work. Do you agree?



Local tweets



@jvangurp:
Watching women's

beach volleyball on #Halifax waterfront - feel like I'm doing something wrong

@NovaMoto: I just saw a transport truck driver pull a u-turn on #quinpool road, in traffic. Amazing. #Halifax

@mandajanehf: The 15 min ferry ride in #halifax is worth the 2.25 alone, wish the city would make more use of it! #metrotransit #mediocre

@sarahabriel: I'm telling you the best advertising

money ever spent in Halifax was Casino Taxi when they had that jingle created - it's a local classic!

@jenochej: Any locksmiths in #Halifax want to do a good deed and come help a guy get into his truck on Brenton? He's been locked out for >40 minutes.

@ljflemming: Feels like a really nice fall day in Halifax right now. It's just about a month too early. #Augtober

@DanielC: @foofighters after the Boston show in November you should swing on up to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Thanks!

Letters

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent recently announced new regulations for limiting emissions for any new coal-fired power plants that will be built in Canada starting July 2015.

While framed as legislation that Kent claims will act as "the equivalent of taking eight million cars off Canadian roads," this legislation falls drastically short of an effective level of environmental protection for two central reasons: Firstly, the legislation essentially gives existing plants licence to continue to pollute; secondly, it allows Maxim Power to build a new 500-megawatt coal plant in Alberta before the July deadline, thereby escaping the new regulations.

If we are serious about protecting the future of our precious natural resources, as well as that of our children and our planet, we need to stop investing in coal power and setting mediocre standards that do more to appease corporate citizenship than Canadian citizens, and we need to do this NOW, before it is truly too late.

MONICA RESENDES,
TORONTO

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Snakes on a plane attempt an epic fail

U.S. officials say a man tried to board a flight from Miami to Brazil with bags of exotic snakes and tortoises stuffed in his pants.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Jonathon Allen says the man was stopped after passing through a body scanner at Miami International Airport last week.

Security officials spotted the nylon bags filled with seven snakes

and three tortoises hidden in the man's pants.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper reports the animals were taken by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The unidentified passenger was arrested.

It's not the only time someone has tried to smuggle snakes on a TAM Airlines flight, the paper reported.

In 1996, a woman attempted to sneak 75 live snakes inside her bra in Sweden, according to the Sentinel. And, in 2007, a man tried to smuggle a tiny monkey under his shirt on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, the paper said.

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- With summer coming to an end, it's the perfect time for a movie to scare you off the beach
 Here to do it is Shark Night 3D, from Snakes on a Plane director David Ellis



Alyssa Diaz stars in Shark Night 3D.

Fear of what lurks below

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Metro recently caught up with Shark Night 3D director David Ellis and one of the flick's stars, American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee, to see what secrets about the film they're willing to spill. As it turns out, not many.

What can you tell us, without giving too much away, about Shark Night 3D?

David Ellis: There's sharks in it (laughs). It's really weird. And a lot of the movie takes place at night.

Katharine McPhee: I'm in it. DE: Kat's in it.

KM: My character's name is Beth. That's all I know.

David, you're no stranger to genre movies. What's the appeal of them as a filmmaker?

DE: For me, I think it's just fun to be able to entertain people — for them to be able to go an escape from everything crazy that's going on in the world for an hour and a half and go have fun, to kind of scare them and make them laugh and make them cry, and just kind of play with their emotions.

KM: You like making people cry.

How was the Shark Night experience for you, Kat?

KM: Oh, it was so much fun. I love going to set. I love getting up early. I mean, on a regular basis, you will never find me up early, but I love when my alarm goes off and I get to put on my pyjamas and get to set and get my coffee and my food and get in hair and makeup.

I love everything about it, so for me just the whole experience is great. We shot in Shreveport, La., and even though it's not a particularly exotic place, it was gorgeous. And I just love being in new places and feeling like you're starting something new.

DE: I love the free food part. Like, every day when you

go to the set and they have all this free food. But what made it so fun for me was that we had an amazing crew and we had a cast that was into it 110 per cent.

Were you afraid of sharks before you made the movie?

KM: I'm one of those people who, especially as a kid, would spend hours in the ocean swimming. I love swimming. But always in the back of my head there was that fear of a shark coming and getting you. I could say that, yeah, this has definitely made it a little bit more of a threat. DE: For me, I grew up in the ocean as well — my whole life in Malibu — and I'm

aware of them, you respect them. But you have a better chance of getting hit by a coconut than getting killed by a shark. But it's a primal fear for people.

KM: It's just not a way you want to go. There's a couple other ways I could think of wanting to go other than sharks.

How creative do you get with the deaths in the movie?

DE: Pretty creative. Each one is different and unique. And what's cool about it is we had so many different types of sharks. We have hammerheads and great white sharks and bull sharks and cookie-cutter sharks...

Movie review See it twice | **See it now** | **Worth watching** | **Yawn** | **Don't bother**



The Debt

Genre: Thriller/Drama
 Director: John Madden
 Stars: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington and Tom Wilkinson

The Debt is an espionage story with a twist. In 1996 retired Mossad agents Rachel, David and Stefan (Helen Mirren, Ciarán Hinds and Tom Wilkinson) are heroes, acclaimed for their brave capture and execution of a notorious war criminal

in 1966.

In flashback we meet the same characters played by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington, learn the personal dynamics of the mission and the key to a long held secret.

The flashback sequence makes up the bulk of the film so it's fair to say this isn't Helen Mirren's film, but her character Rachel's. Unusual for a spy

movie, the story is told through the eyes of a woman but that adds depth to what is essentially a pulpy spy story.

RICHARD CROUSE

The Debt. Screen times

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(14) Wed-Thu 7-9:30

DARTMOUTH CROSSING

(14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:05-3:15-6:45-9:35

Scene in brief



Canuck stars Jason Priestley, Catherine O'Hara, Hugh Dillon and Alan Thicke are among the celebs set to appear at the Gemini Awards next month. Dillon's cop series Flashpoint leads the drama nominees with 17 nods while Priestley's racy program Call Me Fitz leads the sitcoms with 16. Priestley says he's thrilled to see widespread recognition for his Nova Scotia-based cast and crew and is looking forward to the celebration in Toronto. Before the broadcast, comic Tom Green will host a behind-the-scenes show online called the Tom Green Room, featuring celeb interviews. The Geminis celebrate the best of Canadian television with a gala Sept. 7 hosted by comic Russell Peters.

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Ed O'Neill to get Hollywood Walk of Fame star in front of shoe store, event features TV wives.

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The most famous “found footage” film begins with the words, “In October of 1994, three student filmmakers disappeared into the woods of Burkettville, Maryland while shooting a documentary. A year later their footage was found.”

Thus began the Blair Witch Project, a movie Roger Ebert called an “extraordinarily effective horror film.”

He also called it a “celebration of rock bottom production values” for its rough hewn camera style and no-budget scares.

Those are trademarks of found footage style movies.

The premise is almost always the same: someone has recovered film left behind by, as Wikipedia says, “missing or dead protagonists,” and pieced it together to tell a (usually) horrifying story.

This weekend Apollo



► The Blair Witch Project capitalized on the trend of missing footage later discovered.

18 uses (fictional) found footage from NASA's abandoned Apollo 18 mission to reveal the reason the U.S. has never returned to the moon.

In the wake of Blair Witch, theatres were overflowing with found footage movies, partially because they're cheap to make, and partially because audiences raised on reality TV seemed to respond to them.

Movies like The St. Francisville Experiment, The Last Horror Movie, September Tapes and The Curse tried, most unsuc-

cessfully, to cash in on the box office bonanza of Blair Witch, but [Rec], a Spanish horror film about a haunted building was the most successful, artistically and financially.

Less successful but interesting is Redacted, a Brian De Palma war film shot through the lens of one of his characters.

De Palma came up with the idea when he was asked by HDNet Films to make a movie for \$5 million on HD.

If the Blair Witch Project and Paranormal Activity are the successful of the genre, the most contentious, the most controversial, must be Cannibal Holocaust.

The 1980 fake cannibal footage was so convincing the director was arrested and charged with murder. Police believed several actors had been killed on screen but charges were dropped when the actors showed up at the trial, safe and sound.



90+ cartoonists to commemorate 9-11 with weekend strips

► Thought bubbles, witty banter deal with tragedy



► A scene acknowledging 9-11 is shown in the Snuffy Smith comic strip.

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Sept. 11 is etched in the memories of millions, and as the 10th anniversary nears, cartoonists are etching their thoughts about 9-11 into comic strips.

With the anniversary falling on a Sunday, more than 90 cartoonists with five different syndicates have banded together to dedicate their strips on Sept. 11 to those whose lives were lost in the attacks. The strips will appear from the writers and artists of Family Circus, Mallard Fillmore, Candorville, Doonesbury and Pluggers, among others.

Jeff Keane, who co-authors The Family Circus, was immediately sold on the idea.

“Because Family Circus is more of a realistic look at family, and I don’t necessarily have a cartoon that is a ‘joke a day,’ but more sentimental and more emotional, it was easier for me to look at it that way,” he said.

Jim Borgman, the co-creator of Zits with Jerry Scott, about a teenager and his parents, called the upcoming an-

niversary something that cannot be ignored.

“As a cartoonist we would have all been wondering ‘Is it OK to deal with this topic in our work?’ Of course you can, but there is something comforting about the thought that a bunch of us are going to be struggling to say something on that day,” he said.

“My colleagues — cartoonists — are an astonishingly varied and talented group of people. I fully expect we’ll see a broad range of approaches that day.”

It’s not the first time that cartoonists have banded together. Previous efforts have included topics like Earth Day and breast cancer awareness. But the scope of this endeavour is unprecedented, with five syndicates participating.

The comics will be featured in a separate, full-colour pullout section and online the same day at cartoonistsre-



► Family Circus' tribute

“They’re going to get a million television programs, but this is a unique way of looking at it.”

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Angelina Jolie sets baby bump record straight — 'I am not pregnant!'

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► Angelina Jolie

With all the speculation going around about her family life, Angelina Jolie wants to clear a few things up.

"I'm not pregnant. I'm not adopting at the moment," Jolie tells Vanity Fair, adding that there is no "secret wedding" planned for her and Brad Pitt.

Jolie is more concerned with her directorial debut, In the Land of Blood and Honey, and says that Pitt

tried his best to be helpful during the making of the project.

"He'd come in and say what he liked or what he didn't understand," she says.

"Like any woman, I would listen to most of it and fight a few things. He's been so supportive. But it's hard to separate the person that loves you from the critic, so I don't think he's a fair judge."

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Garfield feared Spiderman fame

The only thing that made Andrew Garfield nearly say no to being the new Spider-Man was the star status that would come with it. "That was absolutely the one thing I questioned. I thought about it for a month, constantly," he tells the L.A. Times. "It terrifies me. I just saw that I was given an opportunity to play a part



► Garfield

that I've been wanting to play since I was a two-year-old. I don't want the rest of it. The visibility thing was the one thing that deterred me." ● METRO

Kate opens up about fire

Kate Winslet is breaking her silence about her harrowing escape from a house fire on Richard Branson's private Caribbean island.

"I'm just glad that everyone is safe," Winslet tells Entertainment Tonight.

She credits her host for his calm-

ness during the ordeal.

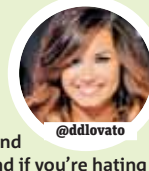
"I will never forget Richard placing his arms around both my children as we were watching the flames, and saying, 'At the end of the day, what you realize is that all that matters is the people that you love. Everything else is just stuff. And none of that stuff matters,'" Winslet recalls. "I'm grateful to the members of her famous host."

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Celebrity tweets



"Guess what, I'm healthy and happy, and if you're hating on my weight you obviously aren't."



@ddlovato

"@chrisbrown wanna meet?"



@lindsaylohan



@RuPaul

"OMG! Can U imagine if Madonna won Best Director for 'W.E.'?"



@JimCarrey

"We are plagued by earthquakes, tornados and hurricanes lately. Is it the end of times or just God's way of getting rid of the bankers?"

Lost star detained

Lost star Matthew Fox was detained by police in Cleveland after a fight with a bus driver, reports TMZ.

The driver, Heather Borman, says an inebriated Fox was trying to join the party bus she was driving, though he wasn't a part of the group who had rented it.

I told him, 'You have to leave buddy. You are trespassing on my bus,' Borman says, adding that Fox then "leaned in and started punching my crotch and breast." Borman struck back, punching Fox in the face and splitting his lip,

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Travel brief



A series of guided fall hikes along Ontario's Bruce Trail will explore the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Seven locations on the trail are highlighted, including Waterdown, the Credit River valley, the Nottawasaga Bluffs and the Bruce Peninsula on Georgian Bay. Dubbed "Geology 101 on Foot," the walks are a fundraising project to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

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Yankee mag offers foliage app and annual fall issue for New England leaf-peepers

Prepare for a scare at Halifax haunts

► Ghost stories and sightings abound at Halifax's most popular tourist sites

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► Visitors claim to have seen ghosts in the garrison cells at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

With its long history of disasters and shipwrecks, there is an air of tragedy that hangs over Halifax, not unlike the dense fog that often rolls in from its harbour.

One of Halifax's most infamous spooky sites is the Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill, perched on the bustling corner of Carmichael and Argyle Streets. Having once served as a mortuary, it's perhaps not surprising that the 194-year-old structure is equally known for

its hauntings as well as its halibut.

The four-storey, brick-and-wood building opened in 1816 as a schoolhouse and was eventually taken over by a local family and turned into a funeral home.

It became the last stop of sorts for victims of two significant disasters of the 20th century — the sinking of the Titanic off Newfoundland in April 1912 and the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The explosion occurred when a supply vessel and a munitions ship

collided in the harbour, killing 2,000 people and leaving some 9,000 injured.

Shane Robilliard, the Five Fishermen's general manager, says tales of cutlery moving on its own, disembodied voices and shadowy figures have actually been good for business.

"People dine at the Five Fishermen to experience something or to be a part of the history of this building," he says.

More eerie experiences await just up Carmichael Street at one of the city's

most recognizable sites, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

The British fort, completed in 1856, offers 90-minute tours exploring every dark nook and cranny where the ghosts of former soldiers are said to lurk.


Hal Thompson, the site's visitor experience officer, remembers one visitor to the site who said she spied a uniformed man enter a room and seemingly vanish. The woman was unaware of the site's ghostly reputation and

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Jamaica has a Dogsled team

► Farm near Ocho Rios offers visitors the chance to take a dogsled ride in an unlikely locale

You can find a perfect example of the Jamaican spirit in an unexpected place: the Chukka Cove Farm, home to the 30 or so mutts that comprise the Jamaican dogsled team.

"It's about the can-do attitude of Jamaicans," says founder Danny Melville, 64, as he rattles off several other examples of Jamaicans' determination, including reggae music and the beloved Olympic bobsled team.

Located near Ocho Rios, in St. Ann Parish, his Chukka farm offers visitors an opportunity to ride on a dry-land sled pulled by 15 dogs, all of them strays that Chukka has adopted. It's

one of several thrill rides offered by Chukka Caribbean Adventures.

Melville, who lives in Toronto, was first drawn to the concept when he spotted a dry-land sled while shopping for dune buggies in Alberta.

He thought a dogsled tour would be a great addition to Chukka's dozens of other offerings, which include everything from flying through the trees on a zipline and riding an ATV into the mountains to taking a pilgrimage on the Zion Bus Line through musical history to Bob Marley's birthplace.

You can even go swimming in the ocean on

horseback, a signature tour that Melville says he pioneered himself nearly three decades ago.

It was a challenge for Melville, who had only ever seen sled dogs on television, to put together the team. "You're getting a bunch of dogs off the street and they're kind of looking at you like, 'What do you mean, pull?'" says Melville.

Visitors who take the tour will get to meet and greet the dogs before the ride. They'll also get to experience the only dogsled museum south of the Arctic Circle before the thrilling ride.

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► A musher takes tourists for a dogsled ride through the Jamaican countryside.

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Drink of the week**Mango Smoothie**

- Flesh of 1 large ripe mango, chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fresh ginger, grated
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) milk, chilled
- 250 ml (1 cup) ice

In a blender, puree the peeled and chopped mango, ginger and orange juice concentrate together until the mixture is smooth. Add milk and ice and blend again. This recipe makes 500 ml (2 cups).

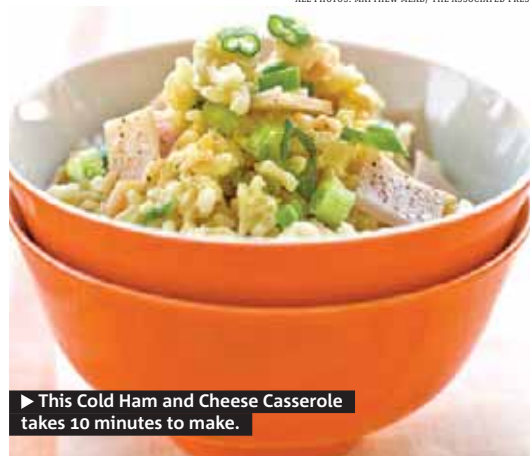
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Let your creative side shine

► Believe it or not, school lunches can consist of a lot more than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a juice box ► Leftovers and deconstructing meals are great places to start

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► This Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole takes 10 minutes to make.

Getting creative with kids' lunches can be a minefield.

It can be hard enough to get them to embrace new foods at home, never mind when they are surrounded by friends at school.

But that doesn't mean you can't break free of the old sandwich routine. It's a matter of using foods already in your children's

comfort zone, but working with them in new ways.

Leftovers are a great place to start (assuming they were well received the first time around).

Or consider deconstructing something, such as pasta salad. Put it back together in a way that's fun for kids, as we did for the tortellini veggie skewers.

Cold Ham & Cheese Casserole

This "casserole" is a great way to use up leftovers. Feel free to play with the ingredients. Chicken, steak and even chopped leftover hamburgers are fine substitutes for ham.

Preparation:

- 1 In a small bowl, stir together mustard, mayonnaise and vinegar. Add rice, ham and cheddar, then mix well.

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Ingredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) low-fat mayonnaise
- 5 ml (1 tsp) apple cider vinegar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked rice (white or brown)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cubed cooked ham
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) shredded cheddar
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced

Tortellini Veggie Skewers**Preparation:**

- 1 Cut yellow pepper into 6 strips. Using each pepper strip as a skewer, push 2 tortellini onto each strip.
- 2 Use a paring knife to poke a hole into the top of each cherry tomato and cap end of each pepper strip with a tomato and an olive. Cut slices of turkey and provolone into 6 long strips, then wrap one of each around skewers. Serve skewers with a side of your child's favourite salad dressing.

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 yellow bell pepper
- 12 cooked tortellini
- 6 whole black olives
- 6 cherry tomatoes
- 1 slice deli turkey
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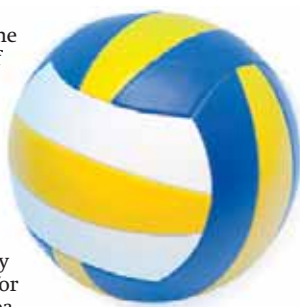
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Paint your desserts red and blue with fresh fruit

► Create a masterpiece in your kitchen with this simple Beauty Berry Pie ► It is a great way to put all those fresh berries to good use while they are still in season

Take advantage of the summer's bounty of berries and other fruits to make this beautiful and delicious pie in five simple steps.

Raspberries, ever-bearing strawberries, blueberries and others will star in this luscious dessert to serve family and friends. It's perfect for those evenings on the patio while the weather is still good.



package directions for a baked pie shell. Set it aside to cool.

Preparation:

1 Prepare and bake the deep-dish frozen pie shell according to the

2 In a medium heatproof bowl, whisk the egg

yolks, sugar and flour.

3 In a saucepan, heat the milk until it is almost boiling. Remove the saucepan from the heat; add to egg the mixture, 50 ml (1/4 cup) at a time, whisking continuously until all the milk has been added. Return the egg-milk mixture to the saucepan, add the vanilla and cook over medium-low heat, whisking continuously, until the custard has thickened to a consistency

similar to pudding. This will take about 5 to 7 minutes.

4 Place plastic wrap directly onto the surface of custard (this prevents a skin from forming).

5 Spoon the cold custard into the baked pie shell and top it with sliced fruit such as berries and kiwi. Before serving, sprinkle the pie with a dusting of ic-

Ingredients:

- 1 deep-dish frozen pie shell
- 2 egg yolks
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) flour
- 250 ml (1 cup) whole milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla extract
- Assorted berries and sliced kiwi
- Icing sugar, for garnish

ing sugar. Serve it the same day of making. Refrigerate any leftovers.
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School supplies? Shake all the hands you can

► Are you a divorced parent dealing with back to school? ► Help is here

Balancing the school budget can get complicated when you and your child's other parent are not together. Here are some tips to the scholastic year fiscally fair, even if you are not divorced.

Balance needs versus wants Make a list of "needs" and agree that kids will get a few "wants" met. Allocate a set dollar amount they are free to spend.

Set the budget before you go shopping Before you venture into a store set a non-negotiable budget. This is not just for their purposes but also to keep parents from caving in.

Make a detailed list before you hit the stores We know not to go grocery shopping when hungry and the same rule applies

for back-to-school shopping. There are many purchase temptations to abstain from, even for the strong-willed.

Set the budget for extracurricular activities before you sign up Set a budget per child that covers lessons, equipment and other hidden costs, then engage in a conversation with the kids and the other parent to ensure you are not doubling up on activities or creating a conflicting schedule.

Empower your kids financially Allot an allowance for extra purchases and one for necessities to engage kids in responsible budgeting and shopping at an early age.

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As a second-year business student tired of spending my summers working in retail, I jumped at the opportunity to enrol in the co-operative education option (co-op) offered at my school.

I joined co-op under the impression that I would easily be able to secure meaningful summer employment, but I quickly discovered this was not the case.

I applied to countless jobs and had no difficulty getting interviews; my problem lay in receiving an actual job offer.

I left each interview feeling as if it had gone well, only to be informed a few days later that I had not



► Erin Hayes

been chosen as the successful candidate for the job. And I was not alone. Several of my fellow classmates were experiencing the exact same dilemma.

As a well-qualified applicant, this frustrating process led me to wonder which students were being selected for these jobs. It turned out that students with more experience and

education, such as third and fourth years and graduates with whom I could not compete, were getting those offers.

Employers shouldn't overlook the applications of promising young students simply because they lack experience.

Students who actively achieve and aim to improve themselves should be given

fair consideration from employers; these students should not be automatically placed on the back burner to more senior and experienced applicants.

To compete with more experienced applicants, younger students should take advantage of the many opportunities offered by universities, such as volunteering, conferences and competitions.

By making an effort to get involved, students can develop relevant skills to their field of study, as well as establish relationships and build their professional network. When participating in extra-curricular activities, you never know what opportunities will present themselves or who you might meet.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- Becoming involved within your school through student groups, conferences and competitions is a great way to develop career-related skills and build your resumé.
- Get to know your professors and attend as many on-campus networking events as you can. Although relevant skills and a strong GPA are important, my story highlights that who you know is often equally as important.

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"Comes with the job"

Rob Carroll moved from Newfoundland with the idea of working for a helicopter company. When he got here, the opportunities for new business inspired him to start his own. Today, Trinity Helicopters is operating all over the Northwest Territories; enjoying whirlwind success and earning the NWT Chamber of Commerce, "Business of the Year" award. In addition to starting a thriving company, Rob's also found time to build a family and a large and diverse group of similarly entrepreneurial friends and associates. "Up here, hard work pays off big and fast. If you want your career to take off, it's a great place to start."

Rob is one of a growing group of Atlantic Canadians who are making their mark in the Northwest Territories.

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Where Erin is now

I had nearly resorted to handing out resumé's at the local mall when an opportunity arose.

I was contacted by a professional I had met during a networking event hosted by a student society I belonged to. My professor had spoken with this individual and requested that they consider me for a job before formally posting the position, and following the interview I was fortunate enough to receive a job offer.

My story has proven that although what you know is undoubtedly the most important, who you know can't hurt.

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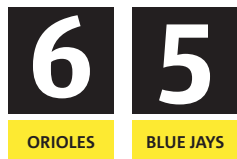
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Blue Jays lose to O's in extra innings



Ryan Adams capped a two-run, 10th-inning rally with an RBI single and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 last night.

Matt Wieters led off the Baltimore 10th by drawing a walk off Brian Tallet (0-2), who was trying for his first career save. Mark Reynolds walked and, after Robert Andino bunted a foul third strike, pinch hitter Jake Fox hit a game-tying single to right with Reynolds taking third.

Adams followed with a deep fly ball off the warning track beyond a drawn-in outfield.

The victory went to Willie Eyre (1-0), whose wild pitch in the top of the 10th had put the Blue Jays ahead 5-4.

The Blue Jays were without manager John Farrell, who is being treated for pneumonia in Toronto and is expected to miss the three-game series. Bench coach Don Wakamatsu ran the team in Farrell's absence.

Wieters homered for Baltimore, which has won seven of nine.

The Blue Jays have lost five of six.

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Can they make the cut?

► Oilers pick Nugent-Hopkins, other top prospects seeking first NHL jobs

Recent history suggests two of them will still be wearing NHL sweaters in October.

As Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Gabriel Landeskog and Jonathan Huberdeau pulled on the uniform of their new NHL teams yesterday morning, each expressed a strong desire to continue wearing it all season. With training camps approaching, the top three picks from June's draft feel tantalizingly close to finally realizing their NHL dream.

"I just want to wear this sweater and I just want to get on the ice and play," said Nugent-Hopkins, sporting a blue and orange No. 93 Edmonton Oilers home jersey.

The 18-year-old centre has spent a considerable amount of time in the gym since being selected with the No. 1 pick at the Xcel Energy Center in Minnesota.

Nugent-Hopkins estimates that he's added 12 pounds to his six-foot frame over the summer and now weighs in at about 177 pounds. It was done with an eye on cracking the Oilers roster out of training camp.

"Hopefully that will help me," said Nugent-Hopkins. "I'm not too focused on my weight right now, I'm just going to focus on how well I play and just playing as good as I can. Obviously, the weight was a little bit of an issue so I tried to address it as much as I could."



► Ryan Nugent-Hopkins talks to the media yesterday.

The only No. 1 pick who didn't jump straight to the NHL since the lockout was defenceman Erik Johnson, who spent a season at the University of Minnesota rather than join the St. Louis Blues in 2006. Overall, 11 of the 18 players taken in the top three spots between 2005 and 2010 went directly to the NHL.

It was no coincidence that Nugent-Hopkins, Landeskog and Huberdeau were grouped together yesterday at the NHLPA's rookie showcase, an event where 26 prospects took

the ice and posed for photos that will be used on their first NHL trading cards.

They've been fielding questions about whether they were ready to play in the NHL right away since before the draft. The focus on them will only intensify in the coming weeks during rookie tournaments and their first training camps.

"It's something that comes along with (being a top pick)," said Landeskog, who sported a No. 92 Colorado Avalanche jersey. "I see pressure as a positive

thing. I want high expectations (placed on) myself. That's why I play this game — I want to get better every day."

He'll travel to Denver today and plans to pick the brain of teammate Matt Duchene, who was selected third in the 2009 draft and joined the Avalanche the following season.

Many believe Landeskog is in the best position among this year's draft class to earn a job because he's physically mature and trying to crack the roster of a rebuilding team.

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Sports in brief



A former NBA player who is accused of shooting an Atlanta woman to death appeared to be retaliating for being robbed of \$55,000 US worth of jewelry, police said.

Javaris Crittenton was arrested late Monday at a Southern California airport. He has been charged with murder in the Aug. 19 shooting death of Jullian Jones outside her house in Atlanta, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

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► Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns against Conor Niland in the Flushing neighbourhood of the Queens borough of New York City.

Grand openings in New York

► Djokovic proves on Day 2 of U.S. Open that he's feeling fine after missing time with sore shoulder

No. 1's advance

Novak Djokovic began his first-round match at the U.S. Open yesterday with a 121 mph service winner and never looked back in his first match since Aug. 21.

► The top-seeded Djokovic

built a 6-0, 5-1 lead before qualifier Conor Niland of Ireland, who had food poisoning, stopped after 44 minutes.

► Earlier yesterday, women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki — who's been ranked No. 1 for most of the past year but has yet to win a Grand Slam trophy — defeated 125th-ranked Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1.

► Sixth seed Li Na was upset 6-2, 7-5 by 53rd-ranked Simona Halep of Romania. Li's record is now 5-6 since winning the French Open in June. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark serves against Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain.



► Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates during his 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-5 win over Kazakhstan's Andrey Golubev yesterday.

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Sabathia solves Sox

CC Sabathia snapped out of his Red Sox funk, striking out 10 in six innings to beat Boston for the first time in five tries this season and lead New



York to a 5-2 win last night.

The win was the Yankees' third in 13 games against their AL East rival this season. Boston still leads the division by a half game.

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Passport issues plague Bonner

More than two years into his quest for Canadian citizenship, Matt Bonner remains grounded by red tape.

So the former Toronto Raptor will watch with fingers crossed as Canada's men's basketball team bids this week for a spot in the 2012 Olympics. And then he can only hope he receives his passport in time to suit up in London if the Canadians do qualify.

"I'm just kind of waiting and hoping," Bonner said in a phone interview. "It's hard to talk about because it's kind of a bummer."

The 31-year-old, now with the San Antonio Spurs, owns a home in Toronto. His wife Nadia, whom he met while with the Raptors, and daughter Evangeline-Vesper are

Canadian. He also has a grandfather from Newfoundland.

Yet, Bonner's application for citizenship has been denied once, based partly, according to Canadian coach Leo Rautins, on the amount of time he spends in the country.

"I feel bad for him. He's dying to play, he wants to play," Rautins said.

The Canadians tip off the FIBA Americas tournament today against Brazil in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

The top-two finishers earn berths in London, while the third- through fifth-place finishers will play in a second-chance tournament next summer to determine the final three Olympic entries.

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The top-rung and most performance-focused Beetle features a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that also returns slightly better fuel economy than the base five-cylinder.

'Adult contemporary'

The 2012 Beetle features more people-friendly dimensions.

The distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased to create some much-needed rear-seat legroom as well as a more generous stowage area with either the 50:50 split rear seat occupied or folded flat.

On the inside, the term "adult contemporary" comes to mind.

A sense of purpose and sportiness prevails with easy-to-read dials and massive air vents at either end of the dashboard.

Different look

Gone is the New Beetle's oval, almost cartoonish appearance, replaced by a longer hood and flatter roofline that ends in a rounded hatchway flanked by a set of prominent taillights.

Overall it's a look that Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, who sculpted the original Beetle nearly three-quarters of a century ago, would likely approve of.



► Although it looks lower, it's really because the Beetle is longer and wider than before. Three engine choices greet buyers with the turbo-diesel being our choice for around-town pep and excellent economy.

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The new 2012 Beetle represents another step back to the future for an iconic brand that is simply too good to let slip away.

The world held its collective baited breath when Volkswagen launched the New Beetle back in the late 1990s, before surging forward to scoop up as many of the reconstituted Bugs as the German automaker could produce.

Not many years later, the New Beetle had become not so new and its popularity waned.

Although the convertible version maintained a respectable degree of popularity, the hatchback model seemed to drift unchecked

year after model year.

Following a one-year absence, the Beetle is back this fall with sharper styling, a roomier and up-to-date interior and more available power. Yes, and the name has been shortened to just plain Beetle, if you please.

That the car is returning at all is a gutsy move. After all, nobody begrudged Chrysler for cashing the PT Cruiser econo-hot rod following its lengthy run and well after its "best-before" date had come and gone. But VW management obviously thought the Beetle brand was worth continuing. What has emerged is a well-balanced and sportier shape that also projects the necessary degree of charm that pays homage to that original look.



► You would hardly consider the previous New Beetle to be sporty, but Volkswagen is making an honest attempt at it this time around. Helping things out is a much wider cabin with more rear seat room.



► On up-level models there's a trio of gauges (oil temp, turbo boost pressure and clock/stopwatch) that seem inspired by the Porsche 911 cockpit.

VW Beetle



What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Beetle:

- **Types:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (200); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbo-diesel.
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (2.5); six-speed manual (2.0, TDI); six-speed automatic (2.5); six-speed automated manual (2.0, TDI).
- **Market position:** The Beetle remains true to its New Beetle origins by retaining its distinctive appearance. This is a car for those who dare to be different.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.5/7.1 (2.5, AT).



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Engine

All RL models got a 3.5-litre, 290-horsepower V6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). There's no V8 engine available.



What owners like

Drivers of this generation RL report enjoying a comfortable and quiet ride, agile handling, "under-the-radar" styling and great long-haul comfort during road trips. Masterful build quality and materials impressed many owners, as did Acura's promise of reliable performance.



What owners dislike

Common complaints include small, fussy and complicated controls for the navigation and audio system, and a relatively small trunk. Some owners report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.



Common issues

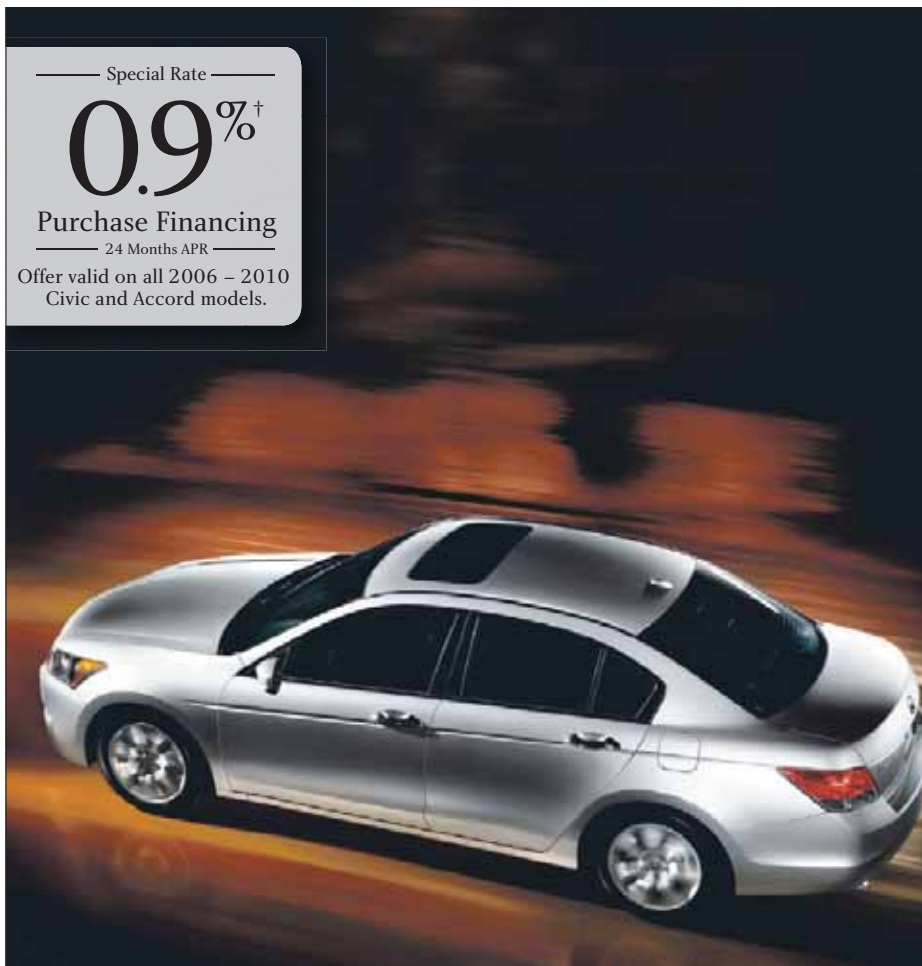
Low sales volumes mean Acura RL reliability information is tough to come by, but a few mandatory checks should help shoppers find a healthy unit. Approaching the RL, be sure the intelligent key-fob allows you to lock and unlock the doors with a touch on the handle. Look inside the wheelwells for signs of rust, as well as underneath the doors and around the trunk lid. Check for fluid leaks around the engine, transmission and transaxle.

Verdict

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Sergio Marchionne is the high-flying and much-quoted president of Fiat and Chrysler. But he isn't the only Canadian making an impact on the global automotive stage.

After a promotion earlier this year, Ray Tanguay became the highest-ranking non-Japanese executive at Toyota Motor Corporation. During Toyota's recall



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difficulties, he was asked by Toyota's numero uno executive, president Akio Toyoda, to help draft a Global Vision Business Plan, which would ultimately guide the Toyota mothership back on course.

Tanguay believed he received the invite to craft a plan because he made "the biggest noise" about Toyota losing its way. The gist of his vision was that Toyota's immense workforce, scattered all over the globe, needed a greater sense of mission and empowerment. To that end, he suggested more local decision-making and direct access to the top decision-makers in Japan.

Toyoda liked Tanguay's plan so much he immedi-

ately added the title of senior managing officer of Toyota Motor Corporation to Tanguay's already considerable portfolio. There are only three such positions worldwide, and they are just one rung below that of the board of directors. Currently his two other titles are: Senior Vice President, Toyota Motor North America; and Chairman, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada. The plan is far from his only accomplishment. He continues to champion

more production and research facilities on this continent. He oversaw the growth of Toyota's Canadian production in Cambridge, Ont., and its evolution into a perennial winner of international quality awards. This made it easy for Toyota to send Lexus RX 350 production there in 2003 — still the only Lexus plant outside of Japan. And when Toyota was looking to open a North American plant to build its RAV4, Tanguay came up with a novel proposal — build the RAV4 plant in nearby Woodstock, as a satellite facility of the

Cambridge plant.

Another recent accomplishment: The "house that Ray built" in Woodstock just received confirmation this month, that it will be the first North American Toyota facility to build an electric vehicle. In fact, the RAV EV will be built on the same line as the gasoline-powered RAV4.

Tanguay has French Canadian roots. Silver-haired, tall, and dignified, he reminds one of another charismatic French Canadian leader — Jean Beliveau, the legendary and graceful captain of the Montreal Canadiens.

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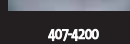
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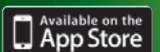
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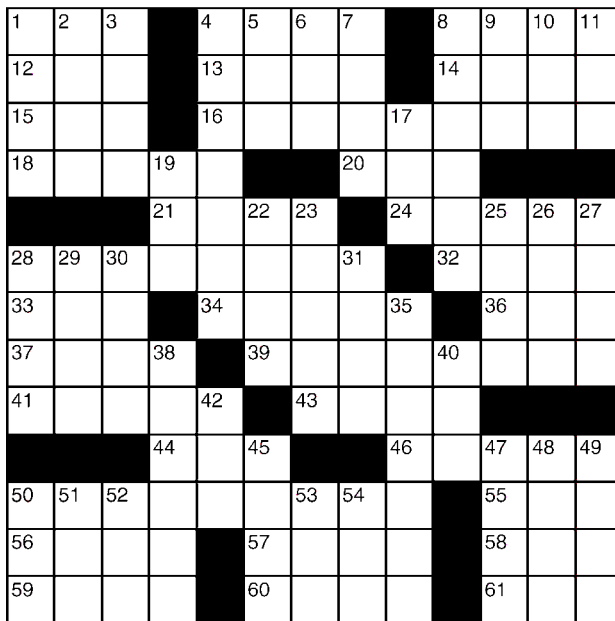
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4 Filly's brother
8 Sprint
12 "La Cage — Folles"
13 Vicinity
14 Reed instrument
15 Anger
16 Fuel
18 Island porch
20 Popular ISP
21 "— Wonderful Life"
24 Sultan's wives
28 Iraq War general David
32 Lasso
33 Uncooked
34 Within the law
36 River island
37 Fertility goddess
39 Italian poet
41 Costume
43 Coral structure
44 Kanga's kid
46 Book of maps
50 Scared, and then some
55 Lubricate
56 Mayberry moppet
57 4-Across, e.g.
58 Praise in verse
59 Like candles
60 Foolproof
61 Cushion

Down

- 1 Postal delivery
2 Emanation
3 The yoke's on them
4 Lincoln, Madison or Jackson
5 Tramcar load
6 Allow
7 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
8 Buck
9 Copper head?
10 Old French coin
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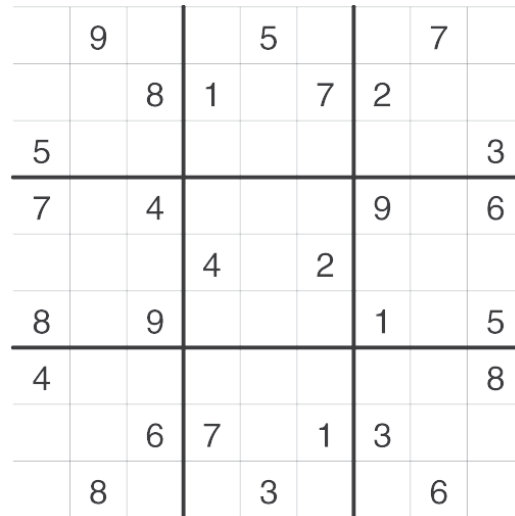
- 38 "Oklahoma!" transport
40 Sternward
42 Luau bowlful
45 Kills "Sopranos"-style
47 Aerobic maneuver
48 Verdi opera
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50 "Bam!"
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4	6	8	5	7	3	2	9	1
3	1	2	7	5	6	4	8	9
7	9	4	2	1	8	3	5	6
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♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will pay you to come on a little less strong today, especially at work.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Enjoy yourself today. Meet up with your favourite friends and do the kind of things that make you laugh.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You know what needs to be done to resolve a relationship issue and get back on good terms with loved ones.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Listen to advice from those you trust before you act. You have lots to learn.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your merest whim will be catered for by those who adore you today.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on things that bring you pleasure today and pretend that bad things do not exist. It's up to you whether you're happy or sad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may prefer to deal in facts but today you will have to take so many things on trust.
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